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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, ORR

SUBJECT: ORR Statement of Increases in Responsibilities and Manpower Utilization Since October 1961

1. The Geographic Research Area has had no new major tasks assigned to it during the reporting period. Shifts in emphasis and manpower utilization, however, have taken place and reflect the changing requirements in the intelligence picture.

a. Support to operational planning increased markedly and currently absorbs a fairly high percentage of the research capability in the Far East, Latin America, and Near East/Africa areas. It is anticipated that such enhanced effort will become routine as a result of growing U.S. commitments abroad and the newly improved machinery for directing DD/I capabilities in support of requirements of the Special Group (CI) and the Clandestine Services. Similarly, cartographic support has been shifted toward direct operational support.

b. The program for providing Geographic Intelligence Memoranda covering areas of current or potential critical concern was further intensified as a result of world events and the demonstrated utility of this background support. Ten memoranda, more than twice the number of any previous year, were prepared.

c. Cartographic support was continued to all units of the Agency and the Department of State with a marked increase for OSI (over 60%) and ONE (over 30%).

d. Collection efforts of our Map Library to procure classified topographic maps has shifted somewhat from the Sino-Soviet Bloc to the non-bloc countries.

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1. Intensive effort continued on the joint CIA-AMS USSR mapping program and in support of intelligence needs on the various Soviet geodesy and gravimetry programs.

2. Shifts in personnel resources were made to reflect the above-mentioned changes in emphasis in intelligence support. Additionally, the following should be noted:

a. The strength of the Special Support Branch, D/GC, has increased 20% to maintain minimum cartographic support in the Special Center.

b. In order to provide limited map library support to intelligence requirements, two beachheads were established at Langley Headquarters and the Department of State. These actions resulted from the failure to move the Map Library to Langley.

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